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UNDER ITEM 56, (A) ACTION PROGRAMS IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING  
ISLAND COUNTRIES; (B) SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF LAND-  
LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. CONFIRMING POOLE/SEIFMAN TELECONS DECEMBER 8 AND 9 RE  
DRAFT RESOLUTION L.52 ON LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

A. WE CERTAINLY AGREE WITH YOUR SUGGESTED CHANGE IN TITLE  
TERMINOLOGY FROM "SPECIAL MEASURES" TO "SPECIFIC ACTION".

B. RE FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA, WE GATHER MALI (FOR THE  
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COSPONSORS) IS RECEPTIVE TO OUR SUGGESTED CHANGE. IF THEY SHOULD PREFER TO MAKE IT CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGE AGREED TO IN RESOLUTION L.47 ON ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BELOW), WE WOULD FIND SUCH LANGUAGE OR A SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION OF "SPECIFIC ACTION" FOR "SPECIAL MEASURES" ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES.

C. RE OPERATIVE PARA 2, WE GATHER MALI ACCEPTS OUR CHANGE IN THE LAST PART BUT WOULD LIKE TO INSERT "INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROVISION OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT" AFTER "SPECIAL ATTENTION" IN THE FIRST PART (I.E., TO MAKE THIS APPLICABLE TO "ALL MEMBER STATES AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY" AND NOT JUST TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES). WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS.

D. RE OPERATIVE PARA 4, WE HOPE SPONSORS CAN BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT OUR CHANGE, AS IT WOULD IN EFFECT RECOGNIZE DONOR COUNTRIES' FREEDOM OF ACTION IN DECIDING ON THE RECIPIENTS AND TERMS OF THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, IF THEY DO NOT, WE WILL NOT LET THIS POINT PREVENT OUR GOING ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS, BUT YOU SHOULD THEN MAKE A BRIEF EXPLANATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE U.S. INTERPRETS THIS PARA AS AN INVITATION TO DONOR COUNTRIES TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR OWN AID CRITERIA, TO THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO.

E. RE OPERATIVE PARA 6, WE GATHER MALI DOES NOT ACCEPT OUR SUGGESTED CHANGE. YOU MIGHT TRY ONCE MORE TO PERSUADE THEM THAT THIS WOULD NOT ONLY BRING THE RESOLUTION IN LINE WITH THE EARLIER GA RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE PREAMBLE -- I.E., 3169 (XXVIII) AND 3311 (XXIX) -- BUT WOULD ALSO REPRESENT A MORE ACCURATE AND BALANCED STATEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA AND SHOULD ASSIST THE SPONSORS IN MEETING POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS FROM CERTAIN CORRIDOR COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, IF THEY STILL DEMUR, WE WILL NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS POINT NOR MENTION IT IN AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN VIEW OF THE LANDLOCKED VERSUS CORRIDOR COUNTRY SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED.

2. THIS MESSAGE ALSO SERVES TO CONFIRM THAT ACTION TAKEN BY THE DELEGATION ON RESOLUTION L.47 ON ISLAND DEVELOPING UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES, AS REPORTED IN REF (B), CONFORMS TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS PER REF (A) AS MODIFIED PER POOLE/SEIFMAN TELCON DECEMBER 7 WITH RESPECT TO:

A. RE THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA, OUR AGREEMENT TO "SPECIAL MEASURES AND SPECIFIC ACTION, RESPECTIVELY, IN FAVOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN FAVOR OF LANDLOCKED

AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" (ALSO USED IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 98 (IV)) AS AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE LANGUAGE WE PROPOSED.

B. RE OPERATIVE PARA 2, OUR AGREEMENT, DESPITE THE CO-SPONSORS' UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSED CHANGE, TO GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS SINCE OUR OTHER CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF EXPLANATION THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE "AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO" AFTER "DEVELOPED COUNTRIES". ROBINSON

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